

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 10, 15, and 21; add claims 27 and 28; and cancel claims 5-6 and 17; such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A conduit racking device comprising:

a shelf with a plurality of alignment holes arranged in a spaced pattern, the alignment holes sized to receive electrical conduit and spaced at least about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch from each other to space the conduit;

a brace connected to the shelf for attaching the conduit racking device to a building structure; [[and]]

a conduit spacer zone located on the shelf that spaces the plurality of alignment holes from the brace, the spacer zone having a width sized to space the electrical conduit from the building structure by at least about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ~~inch~~ inch; and

rigid tabs disposed at each of the plurality of alignment holes and spaced from the brace by the conduit spacer zone, the tabs deformable from a first position planar to the shelf and protruding into the alignment holes to a second position perpendicular to the shelf.

2. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the shelf and the brace are disposed at a ninety degree angle to each other.

3. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein both the brace and the shelf are formed from a unitary sheet of a rigid material.

4. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 3, wherein the brace comprises an attachment sheet.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the brace has mounting apertures for receiving fasteners to mount the conduit racking device to the building structure.

8. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the alignment holes are generally circular.

9. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein one or more of the alignment holes are sized to receive multiple sizes of conduit.

10. (Currently Amended) A conduit racking device comprising:

- a shelf with a plurality of alignment holes arranged in a spaced pattern for receiving conduit, wherein one or more of the alignment holes are sized to receive multiple sizes of conduit;

- a plurality of centerline marking apertures for drawing center lines on a flat building surface to locate center positions for conduit entry holes, the plurality of centerline marking apertures formed in the shelf adjacent to each of the one or more alignment holes sized to receive multiple sizes of conduit and positioned around the one or more alignment holes so that the conduit entry holes, when located on the flat building surface using the centerline marking apertures, are aligned with an edge of the one or more alignment holes ~~wherein the plurality of centerline marking apertures are for drawing center lines on a flat building surface to locate center positions for conduit entry holes;~~ and

- a brace connected to the shelf for attaching the conduit racking device to a building structure.

11-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method for arranging conduit into a pattern of parallel spaced conduit comprising:

providing one or more conduit racking devices each having a shelf with a plurality of alignment holes for receiving conduit, wherein each alignment hole has a tab; securing the one or more conduit racking devices to a building structure; and placing conduit through one or more of the alignment holes in each of the one or more conduit racking devices; and securing the conduit to the tabs.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein each conduit racking device is secured to the building structure before placing conduit through one or more of the plurality of alignment holes in each conduit racking device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of alignment holes are arranged in a spaced pattern on the shelf of each conduit racking devices.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15 and further comprising:
using the plurality of alignment holes to mark the location of one or more conduit entry holes on a construction surface.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the construction surface is a surface on an electrical box.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for arranging conduit for coupling with an electrical box into a pattern of parallel-spaced conduit ~~and marking the on a electrical box~~, the method comprising:

providing one or more conduit racking devices each having a shelf with a plurality of alignment holes for receiving conduit, wherein each alignment hole has a tab;
bending one or more of the tabs to indicate the pattern of parallel-spaced conduit;
~~marking an electrical~~ the electrical box ~~with a conduit racking device using the alignment~~
holes with bent tabs bent to match the pattern of parallel-spaced conduit;
securing the one or more conduit racking devices to a building structure; and
placing conduit through the one or more of the alignment holes with bent tabs in each of the one or more conduit racking devices and securing the conduit to the tabs.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the one or more conduit racking devices are secured to the building structure prior to bending the tabs.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 and further comprising removing one conduit racking device secured to the building structure and using the conduit racking device to mark the electrical box.

24. (Previously Presented) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the width of the spacer zone is sized to space the electrical conduit from the building structure by at least about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

25. (Previously Presented) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the alignments holes are sized to generally hold the electrical conduit parallel to both each other and the building structure.

26. (Currently Amended) The conduit racking device of ~~claim 6~~ claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of alignment holes has a single rigid tab.

27. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein securing the conduit to the tabs comprises strapping the conduit to the tabs.

28. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the tabs are located on the shelf so that, when the one or more conduit racking devices are secured to the building structure, the tabs are spaced from the building structure by a spacer zone on the shelf having a uniform width so that the conduit, when secured to the tabs, is spaced from the building structure by the spacer zone.